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STATEMENT SHOWING MINIMUM NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE AND ORDINARY HOURS OF LABOUR FOR WORKERS IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

31ST DECEMBER, 1957

(Rates of Wage are quoted from the latest Award, Determination or Agreement operative at 31st December, 1957.)

ADULT MALES

Industry and Occupation	Wage rate	Hours	Remarks	Source (a)
WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS, ETC.				
	s. d.			
<u>COOPERAGE -</u>				
Cooper	343/-	40		Coopers (Comm'th) Agreement.
<u>FURNISHING TRADES -</u>				
Cabinet Maker	330/-	"		
Chairmaker	330/-	"		
French Polisher	330/-	"		
Wood Carver	330/-	"		
Wood Machinist	330/-	"	"A" Grade Machinist	
<u>SAWMILLING & TIMBER YDS. -</u>				
Box and Case Maker	295/-	"		
Labourer	269/-	"	"Experienced" (i.e. with 3 months experience)	
Machinist -				
Boult's Carver	325/-	"		
Moulding	325/-	"	"A" Grade machinists.	
Planing	325/-	"		
Shaping	325/-	"	n.e.i.	
Orderman	303/-	"		
Sawyer -				
Bank or Jig	330/-	"	Log bank sawyer	
Circular	322/-	"	Cutting a depth of at least 7½"	
Tallyman	298/-	"	Man who keeps an account of timber	
ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.				
<u>BOILERMAKING -</u>				
Boilermaker	330/-	40		
Helper	278/-	"	Assisting an employee whose margin is 27/6 or more	
Labourer	264/-	"	With not less than 3 months experience	
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION -</u>				
Electrical Mechanic	330/-	"		
<u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY -</u>				
Electrical Fitter	358/-	"		
Instrument Maker	383/-	"	Include 20/- power station allowance	
Linesman	338/-	"	"A" Grade	
Sub Station Maintenance Fitter	338/-	"		
<u>ENGINEERING -</u>				
Blacksmith	332/6	"		
Brassfinisher	330/-	"	Tradesman	
Coppersmith	332/6	"		

(a) Commonwealth refers to awards of the Conciliation and Arbitration Commission.
State - refers to determinations of Victorian Wages Boards.

Industry and Occupation	Wage rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>ENGINEERING Contd.</u>				
Fitter	330/-	40		
Labourer	264/-	"	With not less than 3 months experience	
Pattermarker	352/6			
Shaper	330/-	"	Machinist 1st Class	
Striker	282/6	"	On double fires	
Turner	330/-			
<u>FOUNDRY -</u>				
Coremakers-machine	305/-	"	After 18 months experience	
Coremakers-jobbing	330/-	"		
Dressers	302/6	"	Shot and sand blast-not operating from outside a properly enclosed cabin	
Furnacemen	300/-	"	Cupola	Metal Trades
Moulders-machine	305/-	"		(Comm'th) Award
Moulders-jobbing	330/-			
<u>SHEET METAL WORKING -</u>				
Canister Maker	285/-	"	By hand	
Machinist	277/-	"	Power-not elsewhere specified	
Solderer	277/-	"		
Sheet metal worker 1st Class	330/-	"		
Sheet metal worker 2nd Class	305/-	"		
<u>FOOD, DRINK, ETC.</u>				
<u>BAKING (BREAD) -</u>				
Board Hand	362/6	40		Bread Trade Board
Bread Carter	335/6	"		(State)
Ovensman	362/6	"		Bread Carters
Single Hand	385/10	"		Board (State)
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS & CAKES) -</u>				
Baker	313/-	40		
General Labourer	283/-	"		Biscuit Board
Mixer	313/-	"		(State)
<u>BREWING -</u>				
Cellarman	305/-	"		The Liquor Trade -
Driver (Motor 3 tons)	300/6	"		(Breweries) Award -
Labourer	298/-	"		(Comm'th)
Malt Hand	303/-	"		Transport Workers
Towerman	305/-	"		(General) (Comm'th)
<u>BUTCHERRING (RETAIL) -</u>				The Liquor Trades
Carter (1 horse)	298/-	"		(Breweries) Award
General Butcher	330/-	"	Acts as Shopman or is principally engaged in cutting for window display	(Comm'th)
				The Meat Industry (Shops and Smallgoods Factories) Award - (Comm'th)

Industry and Occupation	Age rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>FOOD, DRINK, ETC. Contd.</u>				
<u>CAKES AND BISCUITS</u> -				
Shopman	330/-	40		
Sausage maker	323/-	"		
<u>CONFECTORY</u> -				
Confectioner (Grade 1)	320/-	"		Confectioners Board
Storeman	306/6	"		) (State)
<u>JAM MANUFACTURE</u> -				
General Labourer	282/-	"	With 4 months or more experience	Food Preservers Award (Comm'th)
Soldier	287/-	")
<u>MEAT PACKING</u> -				
Cutter	341/-	")
Guillotine Hand	353/10	")
Jokerman	337/-	"		Meat Preservers
Packer	337/-	"		Board (State)
Scamer	341/-	")
<u>MILLING (Flour)</u> -				
Miller (Shift)	380/-	"	In charge of a shift in mill exceeding 10,000 lb. flour per hour	Flour Millers Award (Commonwealth)
Packerman	318/-	")
Purifierman	322/6	")
Smutterman	322/6	")
Storeman (Head)	333/-	"	With power to engage or dismiss hands)
Topmen	322/6	")
<u>PASTRYCOOKING</u> -				
Packer	281/-	"		Pastrycooks Board
Pastrycook	332/-	"		(State)
<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOTMAKING</u> -				
Clicker	312/-	40	Clicking outside (other than felt fabric soans or splits)	Footwear Manufacturing Industry Award (Comm'th)
<u>TAILORING (ORDER)</u> -				
Cutter	353/-	")
Presser	315/-	")
Tailor	326/-	")
<u>TAILORING (READYMADE)</u> -				
Cutter	331/-	"		Clothing Trade Award
Presser	315/-	"		(Comm'th)
Tailor	326/-	")
Trimmer	315/-	")
<u>TEXTILE WORKING</u> -				
(woollen mills) -				
Carder	290/-	"	Ballling up card operator)
Byehouseman	290/-	")
Labourer (General)	261/-	"		Textile Industry
Scourer (Wool)	299/6	"	Responsible for mixing of liquors and working of bowls	(woollen and Worst Section) Award (Comm'th)
Spinner	290/-	")
Loom Turner	328/-	"	Jacquard loom after 2 yrs. experience)
Warper (Plain)	293/-	")
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOKBINDING</u> -				
Finisher	330/-	"		Graphic Arts Award
Bookbinder	330/-	"		(Comm'th)
Paper Ruler	330/-	")

Industry and Occupation	wage rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u>				
<u>PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER)</u>				
<u>Compositor (Machine) -</u>				
Day Work	480/-	38		) Printing Industry
Night work	515/-	38		) Employees Union
				) Agreement (Unregistered)
<u>Machinist</u>				
Day Work	436/-	40		) Victorian Printers
Night Work	471/-	38		) Operatives Union
Publisher Day Work	359/-	40		) Agreement (Unregistered)
Reader Night Work	394/-	38		
Day Work	430/-	40		) Printing Industry
Night Work	471/-	38		) Employees Union
				) Agreement (Unregistered)
<u>Stereocutter -</u>				
Day Work	432/-	39		) Victorian Printers
Night Work	467/-	38		) Operative Union
				) Agreement (Unregistered)
<u>PRINTING (JOBBING OFFICES)</u>				
Compositor	352/-	40)
Linotype Operator	352/-	"		) The Graphic Arts
Machinist	330/-	"	e.g. Letterpress Machinist	) Award (Comm'th)
Reader	337/-	"		
Stereotyper	330/-	"		
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>				
<u>BRICKMAKING -</u>				
Burner	314/-	40		
Pitman	334/-	"	Other Facemen (other))
			bricks)	
Drawer	326/-	"	Employed in Hoffman Kilns	Brick Trade Wages
Trucker	308/-	"		Board
Setter	326/-	"		(State)
<u>VEHICLE BUILDING -</u>				
Bodymaker, 1st Class	330/-	"		
Labourer	258/-	"		
Painter	322/-	"		Vehicle Industry
Spring fitter	330/-	"		Award Comm'th)
Trimmer	322/-	"		
Wheelwright	330/-	"		
<u>GAS MAKING AND SUPPLY -</u>				
Coke Trimmer	284/-	40		Gas Employees
				(Vic. etc.) Award C'wth
Gasfitter	347/-	"		Plumbers Board (State)
Labourer	278/-	"		Gas Employees (Vic. etc.) Award (Comm'th)
				Gas Meter Board (State)
Meter Tester	313/-	"		
Service Layer	305/-	"		
Service Layers' Labourer	281/-	"		Gas Employees (Vic. etc.)
Stoker	303/-	"	Stoker vertical retorts	Award-(Comm'th)
<u>JEWELLERY -</u>				
Chainmaker	325/-	"	Melter and Moulder	
Mounter	353/-	"	Precious gem mounter	Jewellers Board (State)
Setter	353/-	"	Setter of precious gems	
<u>LEATHER AND CANVAS WORK -</u>				
Canvas Worker	307/-	"		Saddlery, Leather and
Leather Worker	307/-	"		Canvas Workers Award
				(Comm'th)
<u>TANNING AND CURRYING -</u>				
Beamsman	308/-	"		
Labourer	278/-	"		
Lime jobber	306/-	"		
Lachinist				
Shaving	316/-	"		Tanning Industry
Splitting	333/-	"		Award (Comm'th)
Unhairing	308/-	"		
Tableman	309/-	"		

Industry and Occupation	Wage rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
Bricklayer	395/-	40	BUILDING *	
Bricklayer (sewer and tunnel)	411/2	"	All other bricklayers	Bricklayers Board (State)
Carpenter	399/9	"		Carpenters Board (State)
Mason (Stone)	337/-	"		Stonemasons (S.A. & Vic.) Award (Comm'th)
Painter	376/8	"		
Paperhanger	373/6	"		Painters Board (State)
Signwriter	373/6	"		
Plasterer (Surface)	395/7	"		Plasterers Board (State)
Plumber	406/5	"		Plumbers Board (State)
Labourer -				
Bricklayer's	339/9	"		Builders Labourers
Carpenter's	339/9	"		Board (State)
Concrete Worker	339/9	"	Builders Labourers -	
Earth Mover	339/9	"	Ordinary	
Gear Worker	361/5	"	Builders Labourers -	
Scaffold Hand	361/5	"	Skilled	
<u>RAILWAY & TRAMWAY SERVICES</u>				
<u>RAILWAYS -</u>				
<u>Engine Driver Loco -</u>				
Steam, diesel electric or electric	398/-	Ø	Driver loco or electric train after 1st year	
Driving 120 miles or more per shift	413/-	Ø		
Shunting Engine	339/6	Ø	Driver (shunting)-After 1st Year	Locomotive Engine Men's Award (Comm'th)
<u>Fireman</u>				
Ordinary	315/6	Ø	Fireman -After 1st year	
Working 120 miles or more per shift	323/-	Ø		
Shunting Engine	296/6	Ø	Fireman(shunting), after 2nd Year	
<u>Guard -</u>				
1st Class	356/-	Ø		Railway Traffic.
2nd Class	341/-	Ø	5th year of service	
<u>Porter -</u>	300/6	Ø	Parcels Assistant Class 1-2nd Year of service	Freight Way and Signalling Wages Staff (Comm'th) Award.
<u>Shunter -</u>				
Leading	359/6	+	Leading, Class 1-2nd year of service	
Ordinary	317/-	+	3rd year of service	
<u>Signalman -</u>				
1st Class	353/-	+		
2nd Class	336/-	Ø		
3rd Class	323/-	Ø		
<u>TRAMWAYS -</u>				
<u>Conductor -</u>				
1st year	286/-	40		
2nd year	300/6	"		Tramway Employees
Thereafter	300/6	"		Melbourne} Award -
Labourer	281/-	"		(Comm'th)
Track Repairer	289/-	"		
Tram Driver	308/-	"		
Pitman	312/-	"		

* Rates are weekly equivalents of hourly rates. They include allowances for leave, holidays, following the job, etc.

Ø 80 hours per fortnight. + 76 hours per fortnight.

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<u>TRANSPORT (OTHER)</u>				
<u>CARRYING MERCHANTISE</u> -				
Carter -				
1 Horse	278/-	40)
2 Horses	291/-	")
Stable Hand	273/-	")
Motor Lorries & Waggons -				Transport Workers
3 tons	300/-	"		(General) Award -
Over 3 tons but under 6 tons	310/-	"		(Comm'th)
<u>WHARF LABOUR</u> -)
Wharf Labourer (per hour)	10/2	"		Waterside Workers Award (Comm'th)
<u>HOTELS, ETC.</u>				
<u>HOTELS</u> -				
Barman	295/-	40		
Billiard Marker	275/-	")
Cook	370/-	"	1st cook, 8 or more persons employed in kitchen	Liquor Trades (Hotels and Wine Saloons) Award (Comm'th)
Handyman	275/-	")
Kitchensman	275/-	")
Porter	275/-	")
Waiter	275/-	")
<u>HAIRDRESSING</u> -				
Hairdresser (Mens)	328/-	"		Hairdressers Board (State)
<u>GENERAL LABOUR</u>				
<u>FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING</u> -				
<u>Engine Driver</u> -				
1st Class	318/-	40	With Condenser	
2nd Class	307/6	"		) Engine Drivers and Firemen (General) Award (Comm'th)
<u>Fireman</u>)
1st Class	300/-	")
2nd Class	287/6	")
<u>MUNICIPAL</u>				
Labourer	290/6	"		
Street Sweeper	296/-	"	Cleansing Labourer	Municipal Employees Melbourne City Council) Agreement (Comm'th)
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS</u> -				
Boot Salesman	313/-	"		Shops Board No. 1. Boot dealers) (State)
Drapery Salesman	313/-	"		Shops Board No. 9 (Drapers and Mens Clothing) (State)
Furniture Salesman	317/-	"		Shops Board No. 14 (Furniture Dealers) (State)
Grocery Salesman	307/6	"		Shops Board No. 15 (Grocers) (State)
Hardware Salesman	313/-	"		Shops Board No. 16 (Hardware) (State)
Men's Clothing Salesman	313/-	"		Shops Board No. 9 (Drapers and Men's Clothing) (State)
<u>STOREMAN AND PACKERS</u> -				
Packer (General)	306/6	") Storeman, Packers and Sorters Board
Storeman (General)	306/6	") (State)

ADULT FEMALES

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Industry and Occupation	Wage rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
Biscuit Making	217/-	40		
Confectionery	212/-	"		Biscuit Board (State) Confectioners Board (State)
Bootmaking	214/-	"		Footwear Manufacturing Award - (Comm'th)
Dressmaking, Ready Made-Cutter	233/-	"		
Millinery Cutter	233/-	"		
Shirt Making Cutter	233/-	"		
Underclothing "	233/-	"		
<u>TAILORING (MEN'S) - ORDER</u>				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	233/-	"		
Trousers & Vest Hand	218/6	"		
Tailoress	254/-	"		Clothing Trades Award - (Comm'th)
Adult Female	198/-	"		
<u>TAILORING (MEN'S) - READY MADE</u>				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	221/6	"		
Trousers & Vest Hand	215/6	"		
Adult Female	198/-	"		
<u>TEXTILE WORKING WOOLLEN</u>				
<u>MILLS</u>				
Comb Mender	212/-	"	After 6 months experience	
Darner and Mender	217/-	"	"	
Warper, Plain	214/-	"	"	
Weaver (loom)	217/-	"	"	
Gillbox Mender	210/-	"	"	
Other Adult	196/-	"	"	
			<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, ETC.</u>	
<u>BOOKBINDING</u> -				
Folder	215/-	"		
Sewer	215/-	"		
<u>CARDBOARD BOX</u> -				
Boxmaker	213/-	"	When boxes covered with paper	Graphic Arts Award - (Comm'th)
Other	203/6	"		
<u>INTING</u> -				
Jobbing Office Assistant	215/-	"		
			<u>HOTELS AND SHOPS</u>	
<u>HOTELS</u> -				
Barmaid	295/-	40		
Housemaid	208/-	"		Liquor Trades (Hotels and Wine Saloons)
Laundress	209/-	"		Award - (Comm'th)
Waitress - Head	215/-	"		
Other	208/-	"		
<u>RESTAURANTS</u> -				
Pantry Maid	208/6	"		Hotel and Restaurant Board (State)
Waitress	208/6	"		
<u>CLERKS</u> -				
Cashiers (Shops)	239/6	"		Commercial Clerks Board (State)
Clerical Assistants	239/6	"		
<u>SHOPS</u> -				
Boot Saleswoman	222/-	"		Shops Board No. 1. (Boot Dealers)
Drapery Saleswoman	222/-	"		Shops Board No. 9 (Drapers & Men's Clothing) (State)

Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
SHOPS Confectionery & Sweet Goods Salesman	218/-	40		Shops Board No. 19 (Confectionery etc.) (State)
Newsagent & Bookstall Saleswoman	211/-	"		Shops Board No. 21 (Booksellers and Newsagents)(State)

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